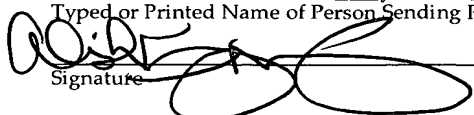




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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
and
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant requests a one-month extension of time, to December 23, 2006, for filing a Response to the Office Action of August 23, 2006.

In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Claim amendments begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.